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- 1. NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT ON APRIL 20 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A SLATE OF 176 MEMBERS AND AS MANY ALTERNATIVES TO SIT ON THE BOARDS' OF DIRECTORS OF NORWAY'S ELEVEN LARGEST PRIVATE BANKS. ALTHOUGH THE LIST INCLUDES SOME WELL-KNOWN PERSONALITIES FROM POLITICS AND INDUSTRY, THE GENERAL IMPRESSION IS ONE OF LARGELY UNKNOWN NAMES.
- 2. THE EXPANDED BOARDS' OF DIRECTORS WILL HAVE A MAINLY OVERSIGHT ROLE AS WE HAVE REPORTED. THEIR FUNCTION IS EXPECTED TO BE ONE OF CONFIRMING TO THE PUBLIC THAT BANK ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED OUT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SPIRIT OF CURRENT SOCIAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATION. LERNER

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